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*Smallpox in Naples.*—During the week ended November 14, 20 cases of smallpox, with 7 deaths, were reported at the health office of the city of Naples.

#### JAPAN.

##### *Yokohama—Inspection of vessels.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, November 4 and 10:

Week ended October 30. Bills of health issued to the following vessels: Steamships *Coblentz* for Manila, *Manchuria* for San Francisco, and *Aki Maru* for Seattle. No quarantinable disease reported in the port or vicinity.

*Summary of inspection of emigrants for month of October, 1909.*—Examined, 168; rejected, 7; held for observation, 26; passed, 150; bathed, 136 passengers and 31 members of crews; baggage disinfected, 384 pieces.

Week ended November 6. Bills of health issued to: Steamship *Rygja* for Portland, steamship *Chiyo Maru* for San Francisco via Honolulu, and U. S. supply for Agana, Guam.

During the week 60 would-be steerage passengers for the *Chiyo* were examined, of whom 55 were passed and 5 held. One hundred and forty-four pieces of baggage were disinfected.

No quarantinable disease has been reported in this section of the Empire during the week. One case of plague has been reported in Osaka and the epidemic continues in Kobe.

##### *Examination of emigrants.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Manchuria* for San Francisco via Honolulu October 27, examined 17; for Honolulu rejected 1, held 1; for San Francisco, rejected 2, held 1.

Per steamship *Aki Maru* for Seattle October 27, examined 36, held 7.

Per steamship *Chiyo Maru* for San Francisco via Honolulu November 5, examined 60; for San Francisco, held 2; for Honolulu, held 3.

Per steamship *Asia* for San Francisco via Honolulu November 10, examined 11; for Honolulu, held 3.

##### *Kobe—Cholera and plague.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Smith reports, October 27 and November 5:

Week ended October 23. Supplemental bills of health granted to 5 steamships. There were inspected 623 members of crew and 441 steerage passengers, and 65 members of crew and 68 steerage passengers were bathed and their effects disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 353 and bedding 112. Manifests were viséed for 62,693 pieces of freight, amounting to 5,611 tons. During the week 18 cases of human hair and 2 cases of personal effects were disinfected with formalin.

*Emigrants examined.*—Per steamship *Aki Maru*, for Seattle, passed 17, recommended for rejection 18; per steamship *Manchuria*, for Honolulu, passed 44, recommended for rejection 50; for San Francisco, passed 4, recommended for rejection 2.

The emigrants passed to Honolulu by the steamship *Manchuria*, including 12 Russians, and also 3 intending passengers to Victoria

by the steamship *Aki Maru*, were inspected and bathed, and their effects were disinfected. The emigrants were 7 days in quarantine detention at Ono before embarkation.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show that there were reported in Kobe 36 cases of plague with 25 deaths.

Week ended October 30. Supplemental bills of health granted to 3 steamships. There were inspected 202 members of crews. Manifests were viséed for 16,018 pieces of freight, amounting to 2,032 tons. During the week 92 cases of human hair and 17 bales of feathers were disinfected with formalin.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show that there were reported in Kobe 12 cases of plague with 12 deaths.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Knight reports, November 10:

Week ended November 6. Supplemental bills of health granted to 4 steamships. There were inspected 555 members of crews and 227 steerage passengers; 54 steerage passengers were bathed and disinfected and their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 190 and bedding 108. Six cases of personal effects were disinfected with formalin.

*Emigrants examined.*—Per steamship *Chiyo Maru* for Honolulu, passed 35, recommended for rejection, 61; for San Francisco, passed 5, recommended for rejection 6. Per steamship *Asia* for Honolulu, passed 8, recommended for rejection 15; for San Francisco, passed 2, recommended for rejection 2.

The emigrants passed to Honolulu by the steamship *Chiyo Maru*, including 7 Russians, were inspected, bathed, and disinfected, and their effects were disinfected. The emigrants were 7 days in quarantine detention at Ono before embarkation.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week showed 19 cases of plague with 13 deaths and 1 case of cholera with 1 death at Kobe.

Plague has prevailed in Kobe during the month of October more than during any other month of the year, 80 cases having been reported with 66 deaths, showing a mortality of 82 per cent. The number of rats caught was 61,414 and of plague-infected rats found 280. The infection started in the western part of the city and has made steady progress toward the east, through the mercantile district, and has at present neared the former foreign concession in which are situated the foreign business houses. To date the disease has affected only the poorer classes of Japanese and Chinese.

### *Nagasaki—Cholera.*

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports, October 21 and 30:

Week ended October 13. Two fatal cases of cholera occurred at Moji in this consular district during the week. Cholera is reported to be seriously prevalent at Vladivostok, which port is in direct communication with Nagasaki by steamer two, three, and occasionally four times a week.

During the week 5 emigrants for Hawaii, 6 for Manila, and 1 for San Francisco were examined. Of this number 1 was held for observation.

Week ended October 30. Two fatal cases of cholera were reported from Wakamatsu in this consular district. Seven emigrants for Hawaii per steamship *Chiyo Maru* were examined and passed. One emigrant destined for San Francisco was held.